

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

AUTHORS GUILD, DAVID BALDACCI,  
MARY BLY, MICHAEL CONNELLY, SYLVIA  
DAY, JONATHAN FRANZEN, JOHN  
GRISHAM, ELIN HILDERBRAND,  
CHRISTINA BAKER KLINE, MAYA  
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DOUGLAS PRESTON, ROXANA ROBINSON,  
GEORGE SAUNDERS, SCOTT TUROW, and  
RACHEL VAIL, individually and on behalf of  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI OPCO LLC, OPENAI  
GP LLC, OPENAI LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL  
LLC, OAI CORPORATION LLC, OPENAI  
HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI STARTUP FUND I  
LP, OPENAI STARTUP FUND GP I LLC,  
OPENAI STARTUP FUND MANAGEMENT  
LLC, and MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

No. 1:23-cv-8292-SHS

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL AS  
COUNSEL**

TO THE COURT, CLERK AND ALL ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ian R. Bensberg hereby withdraws as counsel of record for Plaintiffs Authors Guild, David Baldacci, Mary Bly, Michael Connelly, Sylvia Day, Jonathan Franzen, John Grisham, Elin Hilderbrand, Christina Baker Kline, Maya Shanbhag Lang, Victor LaValle, George R.R. Martin, Jodi Picoult, Douglas Preston, Roxana Robinson, George Saunders, Scott Turow, and Rachel Vail in the above-referenced action, and respectfully requests that his name be removed from the Court's electronic mail notice list and counsel's service list. Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP and Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard LLP continue to serve as counsel for Plaintiffs in the above-referenced action, and they request that all

future correspondence and papers in this action continue to be directed to attorneys at Lieff  
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counsel of record in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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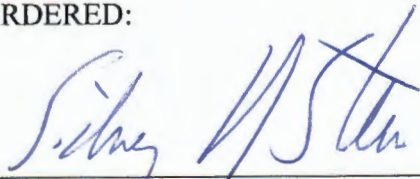
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SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sidney H. Stein", is written over a horizontal line.

Sidney H. Stein, U.S.D.J.